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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE  
CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*Minutes of the fifth meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year*

**I.** The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 in the Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Sullivan presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Baglama, Brand, Cardany, Dorado, Gordon, Izenstark, McClure, and Swaszek. Ms. Neff, Faculty Senate Office was also in attendance.

The following members were absent: Vice Provost Beauvais, Professors King, Loftus-Rattan, and Mr. John Rooney.

**II.** The Minutes of Meeting #4, December 11, 2017 were approved.

**III. REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**IV. GUESTS:**

Marc Hutchison, Karen DeBruin, and Ric McIntyre arrived at 3:30 p.m. to respond to questions on the International Diplomacy Program.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:**

The Committee reviewed the revisions received changing the description and adding NUE as a cross listing to **MCE / CHE / NUE 474, Nuclear Reactor Thermal-Hydraulics**. The proposal was approved.

**b. COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES:**

The Committee discussed the revised and additional information for changes to the **BS in Geology and Geological Oceanography**. The Committee noticed that the curriculum sheets referenced fall 2017 rather than fall 2018. The proposal was approved.

**c. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:**

The Committee considered the revisions received for the creation of **STA 305, Introduction to Statistical Computing with R**. Professor Baglama pointed out that the prerequisite deleted the wrong course. MTH 132 should have been removed not MTH 131. He also noted that STA 220 is not a requirement for the Data Science Program, which requires STA 409, and therefore STA 220 should be removed. The proposal was not approved.

The Committee reviewed the revisions for **STA 445, Introduction to Bayesian Statistics**. Professor Baglama informed the Committee that this is a probability course. Probability courses are taught by the Mathematics department; the Computer Science/Statistics (CSC) department teaches statistics courses. As such, the CSC department should not be proposing probability courses. Professor Dorado expressed that these types of issues

should be handled at the College level where the college/department boundaries expertise lies, not by committee members who may be unequipped to know. The Committee felt the College should mediate these issues prior to the proposals being sent to the CAC. The CAC recommended a meeting of the college dean, the associate deans, the department chairs from Mathematics and Computer Science, and the CAC chair to discuss. The proposal for the creation of STA 445 was not approved.

The Committee discussed revisions received for the new course proposal for **STA/DSP 441, Introduction to Multivariate Statistical Learning**. The course was approved.

A motion was made to move the ISD program proposal up in the agenda as Professors Hutchison, DeBruin and McIntyre had arrived. The motion was approved.

The Chair welcomed those representing the **International Studies and Diplomacy major in the BA degree (ISD) program**. He asked the Committee if there were any questions. Professor Izenstark pointed out a typographical error on the assessment plan. Professor Hutchison volunteered to correct it and email the corrected copy to the Faculty Senate Office. Professor Gordon asked about the redundancy with GEG 104, Political Geography. Professor Hutchison was not opposed to possibly including that course in the future. The Committee voted to approve.

The revisions and the proposal for **STA / DSP 490, Statistics in Practice**, was discussed and approved by the Committee.

The Committee considered the proposal for **CSC / DSP 461, Machine Learning**. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the credits for **HDF 480, Senior Field Experiences in Community Agencies**. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

The Committee considered the Notice of Change proposal to **Change Name of College of Business** from the College of Business Administration to the **College of Business**. The proposal was approved.

### **b. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:**

The Committee discussed the proposal for the creation of **ELE / MUS / COM 369G, Technologies and Music**. The learning outcomes listed on the syllabus were not measurable, and the link under classroom protocols was questioned. The Committee approved the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

The Committee reviewed the new course proposal for **ELE 403G, Launching a Technology Startup**. Professor Dorado expressed concern that the expectations based upon the syllabus may be overzealous. Chair Sullivan expressed his opinion that often, engineering courses spend considerable time developing business claims. Professor Swaszek explained that there is no link between this course and the Engineering Entrepreneurship minor. The course was approved. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

### **c. COLLEGE OF PHARMACY:**

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of **PHP 203G, Understanding Cancer: Basics and Beyond**. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

#### **d. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:**

The Committee discussed the new course proposal for **CHM 477, Internship in Chemistry and Forensic Chemistry**. Professor Cardany questioned the lack of a prerequisite. After discussion of how other internship courses worked, the concern was withdrawn. Professor Swaszek questioned the total of 105 hours at 8 hours per week. The proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for the creation of **CSC 210, Introduction To App Programming**. Professor Swaszek informed the Committee that an existing course, ELE 470, Mobile Computing, currently had no overlap with this course, but if it were to be revised, some overlap may be created. Professor Izenstark mentioned that the link under required texts does not work. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee considered the proposal for new course **HIS 477, History Internship**. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

The Committee examined the proposal for the creation of **PHL 114, The Problem of Evil**. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

The proposal for new course, **PRS 360, Strategic Sport Communication & Media**, was considered. The proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change credits for **ARB 325, Topics in Arabic Studies in Translation**, from 3 credits to 1-4 credits. Professor Cardany questioned how the number of credits offered per topic would be decided and who would make that decision. Professor McClure inquired as to whether credits from different topics would be added together. The Committee requested to see syllabi for the 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-credit versions. The proposal was not approved.

The Committee discussed the proposal to change the title and descriptions of ART 361, Nineteenth-Century Art to **ART 361, Modern Art**, and ART 362, Twentieth-Century Art to **ART 362, Contemporary Art**. Both proposals were approved.

The Committee considered the proposal to change the prerequisite for **MTH 215, Introduction to Linear Algebra**. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the prerequisite for **SOC 370, Theories of Crime and Delinquency**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee examined the proposal to change the course number for SOC 497, Field Experience in Sociology to **SOC 477, Field Experience in Sociology**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee discussed the proposal to change the requirements for the **BA in Chinese**. The proposal was approved.

The proposal to **Extend coding suspension date for current students for the BS in Sociology** was discussed. The Committee approved the proposal.

#### **VII. DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Neff reminded the Committee of the discussion from the December 11, 2017 meeting, regarding University Manual paragraph 8.31.10. She confirmed with the Committee the intent of deleting the third and last sentences

of the paragraph. After discussion, the committee voted to amend the paragraph by rephrasing the information in red, and deleting the information in yellow.

**8.32.10 Course Credits.** The normal maximum rate at which academic credit may be earned at the University of Rhode Island is three credits per two-week session or four credits per three-week session. This limit applies to individual courses and to combinations of courses that may be offered in a single session. . For courses that do not adhere strictly to standard academic calendars, these courses shall be approved by the Curriculum and Standards Committee and/or the Graduate Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lawrence